

## The Lecompton Iniquity Defeated.

We have the pleasure of congratulating our readers upon the overwhelming defeat which Lecompton sustained yesterday in the House of Representatives. Palmerston's route on the refugee bill was not more decided and humiliating, than is that which the administration has met with at the hands of the people's representatives. The victory will be hailed by thousands and tens of thousands of patriotic hearts all over the country, because it is a telling rebuke upon the fraud that was perpetrated upon a free people, in attempting to force down their throats a set of laws which they had in every way in their power disavowed and ignored.

As if the defeat and humiliation upon the direct question, moved by Mr. Stephens, of Ga., "Shall the bill be rejected?" was not enough, the House went to work, and by a vote of 120 to 112, passed Crittenden's amendment. And then proceeding in their work of piling Pelion upon Ossa, we read that the Special Kansas Bill was amended by Montgomery's substitute, by the same vote. So that the route was complete, and unmistakable.

Such a victory is glory enough for one day.

## OUR POLITICS VS. OUR RIGHTS AT RICHMOND.

We published some days ago, a spirited and pretty able vindication of the interests of this city and section of country, written, as we suppose, by a member of our delegation, for one of the Richmond papers, in answer to one of their articles on the same subject. In that article it was shown how that Wheeling and the enterprising people of the Peninsula had, despite legislative rebuffs time and again, been steadily making their way to a first rank section of the State. It was shown how we were contributing largely to the State treasury—giving the State a manufacturing name, and in general advancing, in a large degree, the general welfare and prosperity of the whole Commonwealth. These facts, the people over there seemed to have either ignored or been ignorant of: they seemed, and have always seemed to look with a far distant eye upon the interests of Northwestern people—to have counted them out in their computations about schemes and measures which made for and against the interests of the State—to have looked upon them as not possessing the "peculiar" bond of Virginianism to such a degree as to entitle them to any great degree of attention.

This idea has been owing, in its origin, in good part, to our geographical position, and it has been kept up and quickened, as it were, by the long practiced custom which has obtained among North Western Virginia representatives, of apologizing and explaining for the seeming unsoundness of our political opinions. Representatives have frequently gone into elaborate expositions to show that we, as a people, were all right on the peculiar question. We were sorry to see one or two efforts of the kind this session, one especially from Mr. Porter, of Hancock, who, on all other subjects, has steadily shown an independent front. He quite ably and adroitly undertook to relieve Hancock county from the suspicion, naturally attaching to her extreme situation, of being any way out of the peculiar harness. Now, with all due deference to these speeches and apologies of North Western representatives, we must say that we see no good in them: we see neither expediency nor self-respect in them. Why should it be thought incumbent upon us to apologise for our political sentiments here in the Northwest? Suppose that we don't believe as the Tide Water people or the Valley people do, what of it? Who made them umpires or even standards of public opinion? Why should their opinions about woolly-headed Samboes, or Pompeys, or Dinahs, be any more test questions than our opinions and interests in and about woolly-backed Saxones and Merinos. They have, or profess to have a peculiar interest in the breeding and raising of the one, and our people have a large amount of dollars and cents invested in the other. Everybody knows that the votes of the nigger interest have ever been hostile to the interests of the wool growers; everybody knows too, that the intenser portion of the nigger interest has ever been dead against the iron interest of the country; yet for all that, we have never elevated these questions of our own peculiar interests into tests for other portions of the State, and there is neither justice nor manhood in our coming before the legislature like poor, disappointed lane ducks, whining about the mixed political belief of Northwestern people. Our people in this section of Virginia, are known to be an intelligent people,—taken as a mass, one of the most intelligent communities in the State. Yet they are, or seem to be expected to deferentiate their opinions to some acknowledged inspectors of public opinion.

We have never gained anything yet by such a "by your leave" policy, and we see nothing to be gained. We have a right to our just demands, regardless of what our political sentiments may be. We ought to come before the representatives from other parts of the State in a conciliatory, but not in a cringing manner. We send peers to meet our peers, not vassals to sue for favor from some "divine right" dispensers of it.

We hope we have heard the last of these apologies for the political sentiments of the North Western people.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.—We notice in the proceedings of our Legislature, by yesterday's mails, that the House bill to pay the interest on the bonds of the city of Wheeling, guaranteed by the State, has passed the Senate.

A bill has passed the Senate, fixing the 1st day of August next, as the time by which the Banks of the State must resume specie payments.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.]

WASHINGTON CITY, March 31st, 1858. In the Senate, yesterday, the following nominations for District officers, were confirmed: For Marshal, Wm. Selden; for District Attorney, P. B. Key; for Postmaster in Washington City, Wm. P. Jones; for Navy Agent, Wm. Plinn. In the House of Representatives, the "same old story" was told about Kansas matters, until quarter past seven o'clock, P. M. In the course of the proceedings, James B. Clay said, that his father was not the author of the Missouri Compromise, as stated the other day by Mr. Crittenden. He quoted from a speech of his father to show that Senator Thomas, of Illinois, was the author of the measure. Gen. Duff Green says that Senator Edwards, of Illinois, was the real author of the measure, and that Mr. Thomas introduced it in the Senate, after it had been prepared. Gen. Green speaks from personal recollection.

The Democratic caucus, last evening, did not come to any definite agreement. It was resolved, by the Lecomptonists, to stand by the Kansas bill as it came to the Senate, and intimidated by the anti-Lecomptonists, that they would go in for the Crittenden substitute.

We mentioned the other day, that a general change was about to be made in the U. S. Military Uniform. An order has now been issued to that effect. The cap now worn is supplanted by a felt hat, with brim 3 1/4 inches wide, and crown 6 1/4 inches high, bound with ribbed silk for officers, and double stitched around the brim for privates. The trimmings for general officers are: Gold cord with acorn shaped ends, the brim of the hat looped up on the right side, and fastened with an eagle attached to the side of the hat; three black ostrich feathers on the left side, and a gold embroidered wreath in front, on black velvet ground, encircling the letters U. S. in silver, old English characters.—For the other classifications of officers and for privates, there are similar trimmings, varying slightly for each distinctive grade or class. The change also extends to the pantaloons and coats; but in respect to them it is confined to the trimmings of the latter, and the stripe of the former. Sibley's tent is also to be substituted for that now in use.

The Turkish Admiral and his suite visited the U. S. Arsenal here, the other day, by invitation of the Secretary of War, and, among other things, were treated to the presence of several officers' ladies, (unveiled,) a trial of patent firearms, and an Indian war-dance by a delegation of Pawnees now here. One of the Indians also made a speech to the ladies.

SEWING MACHINES.—Their Effect.—The N. Y. Evening Post says that the effect of sewing machines in depriving women of the occupation by which they have heretofore earned their bread, has been to direct the attention of sober minds to the condition of women and its cause. A course of lectures is about to be commenced in the metropolis for the benefit of the seamstresses, which promises the investigation of the subject. Among the names of speakers mentioned, are those of James T. Brady and Mr. Thayer, the Massachusetts Congressman.

MAKING THE MOST OF IT.—Cannon Sense all round.—Laura Lee is the daughter of a wealthy farmer near Detroit, for whom Thomas Barnes was plough-boy. Thomas, the rogue, stole Laura's heart and then herself. They ran away and by legal process got spliced. Old Lee offered \$500 for the recovery of his daughter. The young couple concluded to go back and take the money and the curses. When they arrived home they were agreeably astonished to find themselves heartily forgiven by the old man, and awarded a homestead and a farm of fifty acres.

"Holy Thursday." MESSRS. EDITORS.—In the Imperial Encyclopedia, published in London in 1810, the above day is described as the day on which the ascension of our Saviour is commemorated, the Thursday but one before Whitsunday. I was informed last week, by a Roman Catholic, that Assumption day, (March 25th), was "Holy Thursday," a festival held in that church in honor of the miraculous ascent of the Virgin Mary into heaven. This day, I also observe, is called "Holy Thursday." Will you, or any one of your readers inform me, if strictly speaking, there is more than one Holy Thursday in a year, and if not, which is the right day? Bessie H.

JOHN VAN BUREN.—The Stray Douglas.—John Van Buren recently said, in a convivial speech:

Well, gentlemen, there is one family has got back safe into the democratic party to stay for life. It is the Van Buren family; and if Senator Douglas only knew the long, dreary road he has to travel, the deep, roaring streams he has got to swim his horses over, the dark stormy nights where the wind will blow down his tents, and he will be forced to sleep on the ground, with the rain pouring on him in torrents, the high, steep, and rugged mountains he has got to climb, the interminable deserts, where there is no wood nor water, he has got to cross, in the road he has taken away from his "father's house," he would, in my opinion, take the straight chute back into the democratic camp.

A MISSOURI DUEL.—A correspondent of the Missouri Republican, writing from Cairo, Ill., March 23, says:

A gentleman from Charleston, Mississippi county, Mo., reports that a bloody and fatal duel took place a few miles above that place yesterday, between two men named — Lane and Allen Hale. They had an old grudge, and agreed to meet and settle it by fighting with double-barreled shot-guns at ten paces, which they did accordingly. At the first giving of the word, both guns missed fire; at the next attempt Hale's gun missed fire, and Lane's went off, pouring its load of buck-shot into Hale's body. Hale fell, and Lane went up to him and beat him on the head with his gun, breaking the gun. Lane had not been arrested this morning, the people appearing to regard it as a fair fight.

THE CINCINNATI CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH, speaking of the revival in progress in that city, says:

Instead of aimlessly beating the air, by holding these meetings and making "eloquent prayers" for what they know not, let the "business men" go to the nearest priest, get a catechism, study the articles of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Seven Sacraments, and learn precisely how to save their souls, and thenceforward devote themselves to the practice of what they learn.

BAPTISM.—Some people may not understand the precise definition of "baptism." The Tennessee Baptist puts forth the following:

"Genuine baptism is not immersion by an unauthorized minister, nor is it immersion by a Presbyterian or Methodist preacher, even though he may have been immersed; nor is it immersion by a Baptist preacher. Christian baptism is immersion by a Baptist minister, who himself has been regularly immersed by a regularly immersed Baptist minister."

## How to GET RELIGION.—At one of the prayer

meetings at Burton's Theatre, Henry Ward Beecher said.

He was strongly impressed with the idea that there should not be occasion for so much individual labor as there is. He could conceive the necessity of it in a heathen country, where the Gospel is proclaimed for the first time; but here, where the truths of Christianity have been so long and repeatedly taught—where we have heard little else.—it seemed to him men did not need, in this respect, to go through with another training. He believed there was not a man present incapable of being a Christian before sundown.

But there are many who lay out a plan for being converted, by supposing that they must first be serious for two or three days, then have a week of being anxious, and then finally go through Hell Gate and become a Christian. It was, he thought, a shame for a man to lay out such a plan. A man should take his resolution, and act upon it at once.

There was an idea that unless there was some leader in the case, a deacon or clergyman, a man's conversion could not be complete; but he believed that Christianity was between a man's heart and his God, and that he needed not these appliances. There was not a man in the house, who, if he chose, could not go home that night, and to the amazement of his wife and children, ask God's blessing upon his dinner in a Christian spirit for the first time.

A LAYLY PLACE.—A recent letter from Lexington, Texas, says:

On Wednesday evening, the 20th of January, Jack Harris, Jesse Parsons, and Washburn, rode out of Lexington in company. The next day Parsons was found about half a mile from Lexington, with his brains shot out, but still breathing. Washburn was tried before a Justice of the Peace and acquitted; in fact, Harris stated to several persons, that he (Harris) shot Parsons himself. Harris left immediately, and has not been heard of since.

Word came to town yesterday that Parsons was dead, which is no doubt correct. The cause of the difficulty is not known. They were all three gamblers.

On Sunday morning, the 24th of January, the body of James Cox was found suspended by a rope from a tree, near Lexington. Cox was seen in the town on Saturday evening, the 23d, and was found next morning. This is all that any one professes to know about the hanging, but that Cox was hung until dead, there is no mistake.

PARSON BROWNLOW HANDLED WITHOUT GLOVES.—The Mobile Advertiser, speaking of Parson Brownlow, holds the following complimentary language: "What must be the impression as to the character of the Southern people upon the minds of the ignorant masses of the North when they behold and listen to this blackguard Tennesseean, and are told that he is a minister of the Gospel, and the chosen companion of Southern institutions, sent among them by the people of the South? It was an unfortunate joke for Southern gentlemen, as they did it, doubtless, only for the fun of the thing, to have encouraged this coarse brawler in politics and religion; to go into the North and expound the merits of Southern institutions and Southern society.—But the mischief has been done. The reverend ruffian has already crossed the line, and the enemies of the South are doubtless, by this time, chuckling at the prospect of the damage which the reputation of the Southern people is sure to suffer in the minds of the Northern masses from the blackguard exhibitions of this Tennessee parson."

A DOCTOR IN TROUBLE.—An interesting case came off last week, before the Recorder's Court, in this city. It seems Dr. J. B. Chapman became enamored last fall with a beautiful and accomplished young lady by the name of Miss Little. It seems her charms were so prepossessing as to cause the Doctor to importune her greatly to join him in the holy bonds of wedlock. The Doctor being old,—near sixty, and she young and beautiful, she required him to advance her a bonus on the promise of marriage. To this the Doctor readily consented, and made over to her according to his account about \$4,000 worth of property. Since she came in possession of the property, she declined marrying him, and she brings his suit to recover the property, alleging that it was obtained through fraudulent pretences. She pleads we learn, that the Doctor is a married man, and therefore she would not marry him, and that she did not learn this until after the courtship.—The suit went before the Doctor.—Kansas Her.

THE REVIVAL IN ROME.—The revival has extended to the seat of the Papal power itself. A large number of American and English travelers in Rome—chiefly women—have become powerfully affected by the teachings of the Catholic faith. The solemn services in the Cathedrals and Chapels, beginning with the season of Lent, have touched the impressible minds of the young and fashionable visitants, of the Protestant faith, to a degree never before known, and a number of communicants have been made to the Catholic Church. Cardinals have called upon the American proselytes to explain the Immaculate Conception, and other stubborn mysteries of the creed. And we have heard of several New Yorkers, who have, at his invitation, it is said, enjoyed interviews with the Pope, during which he manifested a deep interest in their conversion.—N. Y. Post.

SINGULAR CASE.—A correspondent of the Petersburg Express, writing from Salem, Roanoke county, says that Ransford Daniel, convicted for committing a foul outrage upon his own daughter, was discharged on the 25th inst., the attorney for the Commonwealth under instructions from the Judge, entering a "Nolle Prosequi" in the case. The said Daniel was sentenced at the last fall term of the court, to the penitentiary for 15 years. A new trial was granted him, and the wretched daughter, who made the inhuman charge, refused to appear against him the second time, alleging as a reason, to others, that she had "falsely sworn," and was but the victim of some unprincipled wretches, who are to go at large, unwhipped of justice. For nine years this poor man has been confined in jail under these circumstances.

WHO CAN BRAT THIS?—The Norfolk Day Book localizer has a hankering after crinoline.—Under the above interrogation, he gives the following:

A young lady in Portsmouth, engaged in gathering a dress a few evenings ago, took five hundred and thirty-eight stitches in three minutes, as follows: first minute 170, second minute 170, and third minute 188. While this may seem almost unreasonable, we know it to be a fact, and a fact, too, that establishes the truth, that the "patent sewing machines" stand no chance at all in Portsmouth.

THE MILLBRIGHTS MOVING.—Some of the leading Second Adventists of this city have again set a period for the destruction of the world—proposing to have discovered the errors of their previous calculations, and to have finally ascertained the exact truth. They regard the recent financial depression and the prevailing religious excitement as among the signs of the last days. By the next arrival from Europe they expect to hear of the destruction of the city of Rome, and this will portend the configuration of the world next summer.—Newark Daily Advertiser.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(BY YESTERDAY'S MAILS.)  
[From the N. Y. Tribune.]

THE PRICE OF BEEF.—Comparison of Quotations for Six Years.—By the laws of gravity it is easy to come down. By the laws of trade it is not; for when prices once get up, it is very hard for those who profit by them to come down to the old level. The question has arisen as to how the present prices of beef cattle compare with past years, and a large purchaser of butchers' meat asks us to state whether prices at last market at Bull's Head, were not as low as they were upon the corresponding day in 1853. We reply by copying from our Cattle Market Reports the quotations for six years, since a great many persons are interested in the beef question:

MARCH 25, 1853.	Extra	1st Quality	2nd Quality	3rd Quality	4th Quality	5th Quality	6th Quality	7th Quality	8th Quality	9th Quality	10th Quality
First quality	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Second quality	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Third quality	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Fourth quality	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Fifth quality	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Sixth quality	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Seventh quality	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Eighth quality	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Ninth quality	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Tenth quality	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2

THE N. Y. BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.—We have had a steady demand the past week, principally from southern buyers. The western merchants are arriving slowly and take hold very sparingly. The sales thus far do not exceed one half of those of last season, as the desire appears to be to keep within prescribed limits. The credits to certain houses are fully as long as those given heretofore, and there seems to be but little determination to reduce them. If a merchant does not think his customer good at six months, why, surely he cannot be much better at three; so the only safe way to act is to deny him. The reform in credits, which some were so clamorous about a few months since, turns out as we expected, because every dealer wants to be free to conduct his business as he thinks will be the safest and most profitable.—N. Y. Post.

IRON.—Scotch pig iron is in moderate demand at \$25@26, six months.

There is a fair demand for hemlock sole, and prices are steady at \$21@22 cents for Oregon, and \$21@22 for Rio Grande and Buenos Ayres, six months.—J. Y. Jour. Commercial.

MONEY AND LAND WARRANTS.—Morse & Brothers, No. 15 Wall street, quote Currency, Land Warrants, &c., as follows:

U. S. Treasury Notes	100	50	25	10	5	2	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64	1/128	1/256	1/512	1/1024	1/2048	1/4096	1/8192	1/16384	1/32768	1/65536	1/131072	1/262144	1/524288	1/1048576	1/2097152	1/4194304	1/8388608	1/16777216	1/33554432	1/67108864	1/134217728	1/268435456	1/536870912	1/1073741824	1/2147483648	1/4294967296	1/8589934592	1/17179869184	1/34359738368	1/68719476736	1/137438953472	1/274877906944	1/549755813888	1/1099511627776	1/2199023255552	1/4398046511104	1/8796093022208	1/17592186044416	1/35184372088832	1/70368744177664	1/140737488355328	1/281474976710656	1/562949953421312	1/1125899906842624	1/2251799813685248	1/4503599627370496	1/9007199254740992	1/18014398509481984	1/36028797018963968	1/72057594037927936	1/144115188075855872	1/288230376151711744	1/576460752303423488	1/1152921504606846976	1/2305843009213693952	1/4611686018427387904	1/9223372036854775808	1/18446744073709551616	1/36893488147419103232	1/73786976294838206464	1/147573952589676412928	1/295147905179352825856	1/590295810358705651712	1/1180591620717411303424	1/2361183241434822606848	1/4722366482869645213696	1/9444732965739290427392	1/18889465931478580854784	1/37778931862957161709568	1/75557863725914323419136	1/151115727451828646838272	1/302231454903657293676544	1/604462909807314587353088	1/1208925819614629174706176	1/2417851639229258349412352	1/4835703278458516698824704	1/9671406556917033397649408	1/19342813113834066795298816	1/38685626227668133590597632	1/77371252455336267181195264	1/154742504910672534362390528	1/309485009821345068724781056	1/618970019642690137449562112	1/1237940039285380274899124224	1/2475880078570760549798248448	1/4951760157141521099596496896	1/9903520314283042199192993792	1/19807040628566084398385987584	1/39614081257132168796771975168	1/79228162514264337593543950336	1/158456325028528675187087900672	1/316912650057057350374175801344	1/633825300114114700748351602688	1/1267650600228229401496703205376	1/2535301200456458802993406410752	1/5070602400912917605986812821504	1/10141204801825835211973625643008	1/20282409603651670423947251286016	1/40564819207303340847894502572032	1/81129638414606681695789005144064	1/162259276829213363391578010288128	1/324518553658426726783156020576256	1/649037107316853453566312041152512	1/1298074214633706907132624082305024	1/2596148429267413814265248164610048	1/5192296858534827628530496329220096	1/10384593717069655257060992658440192	1/20769187434139310514121985316880384	1/41538374868278621028243970633760768	1/83076749736557242056487941267521536	1/166153499473114484112975882535043072	1/332306998946228968225951765070086144	1/664613997892457936451903530140172288	1/1329227995784915872903807060280344576	1/2658455991569831745807614120560689152	1/5316911983139663491615228241121378304	1/10633823966279326983230456482242756608	1/21267647932558653966460912964485513216	1/42535295865117307932921825928971026432	1/85070591730234615865843651857942052864	1/170141183460469231731687303715884105728	1/340282366920938463463374607431768211456	1/680564733841876926926749214863536422912	1/1361129467683753853853498429727072845824	1/272225893536750770770699685945414569152	1/544451787073501541541399371890829138304	1/1088903574147003083082798743781658276608	1/2177807148294006166165597487563316553216	1/4355614296588012332331194975126633106432	1/8711228593176024664662389950253266212864	1/174224571863520493293247799005065244512	1/348449143727040986586495598010130489024	1/696898287454081973172991196020260978048	1/1393796574908163946345982320040521956096	1/2787593149816327892691964640081043912192	1/557
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